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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

MAY, 1903.

THIS Hospital having been in existence for one year, the General Committee desire to make the following report to the subscribers.

In the early part of last year a number of soldiers in Scotland who were dying of consumption and other affections brought on by exposure during the War, required help, as no institution other than the Poorhouse was in a position to admit them. A number of those interested in the question decided that something ought to be done to relieve these men, and, as a result, the Committee of the present hospital was formed. Although application had been made by members to some of the military authorities (who were quite in sympathy with the object of the movement) there was no hope of immediate aid from them, and it was felt that something required to be done at once in the interest of the men, short of consigning them to a pauper's bed in a workhouse hospital.

These patients were dismissed from general hospitals because nothing could be done for them: the consumptives were debarred from entrance to Sanatoria for fresh air treatment because they had not the necessary means, or because the disease was too far advanced. Incurable Homes, although admirably suited for other kinds of cases, were of little use, owing to the demand upon them and the time necessary to gain admittance. The foundation of a small Home or Hospital was therefore justified if it were admitted that such men deserved well of their country.

Lady Campbell of Garscube generously placed a thoroughly well-equipped cottage hospital containing eight beds at the dis-

posal of the committee for the accommodation of soldiers from any Scottish depot. The hospital was most conveniently situated; had an excellent site which gave the necessary light and fresh air, and was placed in beautiful and secluded grounds. The response to the appeal by the committee for funds to carry on the work, as will be seen from the treasurer's report, was very gratifying, and proved sufficient to keep the hospital going for a little over the year ending May, 1903.

Since the opening of the hospital on the 29th of May, 1902, twenty-one discharged soldiers have been admitted. Ten others applied for admission but had to wait some time as they could not be accommodated at the date of application. As a vacant bed occurred, each was written to. In some cases the applicant had died, and in others, means had somehow been obtained to relieve their sufferings. These facts, the committee venture to think, thoroughly justified the appeal which was made, especially when it is pointed out that in the majority of cases the men were suffering from most serious affections. Sixteen out of the twenty-one cases admitted are recorded by the honorary physician as suffering from incurable ailments.

Nine of the soldiers admitted were phthisical: of these two improved, two remain in the hospital, two died, and three left the hospital worse than when admitted. Further, as showing the different kinds of affections from which the men suffered, it may be pointed out that one remains in the hospital with aneurism, much worse than when admitted; two patients had Bright's disease; there was one case of cancer of the throat which still remains in hospital, and there was one case of diabetes. The other affections included ulcers, rheumatism, anaemia, heart disease, and gun-shot wounds.

A gratifying point in connection with the hospital work is to be recorded in the fact that although the men were discharged as no longer fit for the service, yet in a few cases the patients improved. Thus, one man who had been discharged owing to a gun-shot wound in the arm, was transferred to another hospital where he was operated upon and has now a useful arm. In the cases which were found to improve, the work was helped by the facilities kindly offered and gladly accepted from Rosneath

Hospital, founded by H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyle. The committee gratefully record the great assistance thus obtained.

It may be interesting to note the different branches of the service from which patients were received. One was from the Cavalry; one from the Royal Horse Artillery; one from the Royal Army Medical Corp; six from the Royal Scots Fusiliers; six from the Highland Light Infantry; four from the Gordon Highlanders; and one each from the Argyll and Sutherland, and Cameron Highlanders.

The hospital was first founded upon the plea that there was no suitable place to receive such men, and the question as to whether the hospital should be continued or not has been carefully considered by the committee. In view of the fact that the authorities as yet have not provided means for them; that institutions for such affections as consumption are being founded which may be available in future; and, lastly, that Lady Campbell has kindly consented to place the hospital for some time longer at the disposal of the committee, it has been decided to carry on the work meantime in the hope that some permanent scheme may in the future be suggested and carried into effect.

The members of the committee desire gratefully to acknowledge the generous help afforded financially by the subscribers; also Lady Campbell's great and material help, and the valuable attendance of the honorary physician, Dr. Kennedy, whose work, aided by the nursing staff, proved of the greatest service to the patients admitted to the hospital during the year.

The work was also greatly enhanced by many willing helpers in other ways. Much good was done by the members of the ladies' committee, whose kind interest and sympathetic visits were greatly appreciated by the patients. Others not directly appealed to, took a sincere and friendly interest in the hospital, and H.R.H. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein graciously consented to become patron to it.

The committee, in view of the decision to carry on the work, now appeal for the requisite funds, and it is estimated that about £500 will be needed to carry on the hospital for another year, or longer still, if the funds permit of it. This sum does not include

anything which might be required for a permanent scheme for the benefit of soldiers, but any surplus funds received might be used in this way when the present hospital is no longer required.

The committee desire to draw attention to the fact that a comparatively small sum only is required for the maintenance of this hospital, owing to its having been generously handed over fully equipped for the purpose, whereas a much larger sum would have been necessary under other circumstances.

Bearing this in view, the committee appeal with confidence for further funds to continue the work. All subscriptions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Dr. Robert Gourlay, Bank of Scotland, St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, the honorary treasurer.

HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT

To 20th MAY, 1903.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

Robt. Chrystal, 2 Park Circus Place,	£2	0	0
H.R.H. Princess Christian,	5	0	0
Miss J. Allan, Ballochmyle, Ayrshire,	25	0	0
Paul Rottenburg, LL.D.,	10	0	0
The Rt. Hon. Lord Newlands,	10	0	0
Mrs. Collins and R. Collins, West Balgray,	10	0	0
Sir Arch. Hunter, K.C.B.,	10	0	0
J. P. Maclay, Esq., 13 Park Terrace,	10	0	0
F. W. Bentley, per Dr. M'Intyre,	1	0	0
A Friend, ,, ,,	3	0	0
James Stark, Esq., Princes Gardens,	1	10	0
Robt. Brownlie, Jr., City Saw Mills,	5	0	0
The Duchess of Montrose,	5	5	0
Edward Jno. Thomson, Montgomerie, Tarbolton,	5	0	0
Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart, per Lady Campbell, Garscube,	10	0	0
Lady Agnes Tranbo, ,, ,,	5	0	0
Lt.-Col. M. Campbell, ,, ,,	5	0	0
Capt. Robertson, ,, ,,	1	0	0
Mrs. Goff, ,, ,,	3	0	0
Col. Anstruther Thomson, ,, ,,	1	0	0
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, ,, ,,	10	0	0
Col. Eyre, ,, ,,	5	0	0
Miss Campbell, ,, ,,	1	0	0
Mrs. Simpson, c/o M'Clelland, Ker & Co.,	5	0	0
Sir Jno. Stirling Maxwell, Bt.,	10	0	0
Allan F. Baird,	1	0	0
Sir Thos. Glen Coats,	10	0	0
Robt. M'Ewen,	5	0	0
Jno. E. Young,	1	0	0
Miss C. H. W. Collins,	5	0	0
Mrs. C. H. Collins,	5	0	0
George Coats,	20	0	0
Mrs. C. M. Collins,	2	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Gourlay,	5	0	0
Misses Richardson, Tunbridge Wells,	5	0	0
George Neill, Greenock,	10	0	0
J. R. Campbell, per Mr. Ralston,	5	0	0
G. M. Hawley, ,, ,,	2	0	0
E. G. Harcourt Rose, ,,	2	0	0
W. Beckett,	1	0	0
Miss Henderson,	1	0	0
Hon. Misses Burns,	5	0	0
Funds of 2nd Bat. Scottish Reserve, per Col. Gordon,	5	5	0
Wm. Burrell,	10	0	0
Stewart Clark, per Mrs. Bryce Allan,	5	0	0
Jno. Stewart Clark, ,, ,,	5	0	0
Miss Stewart Clark, ,, ,,	5	0	0
Bryce Allan, ,, ,,	5	0	0
Anonymous, ,, ,,	20	0	0
John Dansken,	1	0	0
Mrs. James Clark,	5	0	0
W. J. Davidson of Ruchill,	3	0	0
J. B. Mirrlees,	5	0	0
Lord Overtoun,	50	0	0
Glasgow Herald War Fund,	50	0	0
Mrs. Campbell, per Mrs. Ralston,	3	0	0
R. K. Stewart, ,, ,,	2	2	0
Sir Henry Farquhar,	10	0	0
Readers of *The Christian*, per Morgan & Scott, London,	0	10	0
Anonymous, per Dr. M'Intyre,	100	0	0
Dr. Macintyre, 179 Bath Street,	5	5	0
	£533	17	0

PAYMENTS.

1902.				
July 21.	By Cheque to C. W. Ralston,	£25	15	8
Aug. 19.	,, ,,	15	13	6
Sept. 17.	,, ,,	55	14	0
Nov. 3.	,, ,,	36	11	2
Dec. 4.	,, ,,	24	0	4
,, 15.	,, ,,	62	7	2
1903.				
Jan. 16.	,, ,,	27	16	1
Feb. 13.	,, ,,	37	16	3
Mar. 25.	,, ,,	51	12	9
April 15.	,, ,,	42	3	2
May 20.	By Balance due by Bank,	154	6	11
		£533	17	0